

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests that the above amendment be entered and that rejection of the claims be reconsidered in view of the above amendment and the following remarks.

In response to the rejection of claims 10-11 under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, it is inherent in the coating of claim 10 that "the physical properties of the coating indicate that it was separated from the extension body after the substantial solidification and before the coating is fully solidified". Similarly it is inherent in the coating of claim 11 that "the physical properties of the coating indicate that it was separated from the extension body after the substantial solidification and before the coating is fully solidified".

In response to the rejection of claims 9, 12 and 15-16 under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, "a few mm" is defined in the specification at page 2, lines 12-15.

In response to the rejection of claims 9-16 under 35 USC 102(e), as allegedly anticipated by US6349086 to Nishida, the citation fails to disclose all the elements of the claimed inventions.

More specifically, Nishida does not suggest that the extension body and the substrate are separated "before the coating is fully solidified" as in claims 9, 10 and 11. The examiner has not pointed out anywhere in the citation where it is suggested that the extension body be removed before the coating is cured.

Claims 12-16 are dependent on one of claims 9-11 and are allowable for at least the same reasons.

Regarding new claims 17-18, Nishida does not suggest that the extension body and the substrate are separated "before the coating is fully solidified" as in claims 17 and 18.

The claims are definite and distinguished from the citations and Applicant respectfully requests the allowance of all claims.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit any overpayment or charge any fee (except the issue fee) including fees for any required extension of time, to Account No. 14-1270.

Respectfully submitted,

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